



Western Avenue Reconstruction Project

Western Avenue is scheduled to be fully reconstructed beginning in summer 2011. The underground stormwater system, utilities, the roadway, and the sidewalks will all be replaced. The redesign will consider all street users: walkers, bicyclists, bus riders, and drivers. The redesign process will consider traffic patterns, lighting, trees, and green space. The design process runs from now until summer 2010.

Western avenue is... a Regional roadway, and a neighborhood street and a retail district and a front yard. We must balance all of these needs in the final design.

Project Scope

Subsurface

City: sewer, water, electrical for street lighting
Utility companies: gas, electric, telephone, cable

Surface

City: roadway, sidewalks, traffic signals and signs, street furniture, trees, lighting

Project Schedule

Dec. 2009..... Initial survey work complete
Feb. 2010..... Begin community process
Jun. 2010 Complete conceptual design
Apr. 2011 100% design complete
Jul. 2011..... Construction begins
Nov. 2012 Construction is completed

Surface Design: Project Goals

- Ensure corridor is safe for all users
- Maintain adequate traffic flow
- Reinforce residential character
- Appropriate traffic speed
- Improve conditions for walking, bicycling, and transit riders
- Provide disability access
- Improve access to businesses
- Help meet stormwater environmental goals through "low impact designs"
- Provide adequate parking
- Environmental sustainability
- Improve landscaping

Key City Policies

Growth Policy Document, Policy #22: Undertake reasonable measures to improve the functioning of the city's street network, without increasing through capacity, to reduce congestion and noise and facilitate bus and other non-automobile circulation.

Growth Policy Document, Policy #23: Encourage all reasonable forms of nonautomotive travel including, for example, making improvements to the city's infrastructure to support bicycling and walking.

[<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/cp/zng/growthpol>]

Contact us for more information

Project Website

<http://westernavenue.info>

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